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MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant to Deputy Director
for Support

INFORMATION : Director of Security

SUBJECT : Virginia Civil Defense Identification Cards

REFERENCE : Memo to SSA-DD/S fr [REDACTED] (CIA EPO)
dtd 24 May 1966. Subj: Credentials for Use
in Peacetime Emergencies.

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1. This memorandum is in response to your request concerning the requirement for continued issuance of the Virginia Civil Defense Identification Cards. Referent memorandum (copy attached) details the original circumstances that led to the decision to issue these cards.

2. With the benefit of four years hindsight, it appears that we may have over-reacted to the unprecedented nature of the incident which resulted in the decision to issue these credentials. No formal statistics have been kept on the mobility of our personnel under emergency conditions created by natural disasters, hazardous weather, riot, strikes, or other civil disturbances. The undersigned checked with several officers in the Office of Security and was advised that they have been unable to identify a single instance where the holder of a Virginia Civil Defense Identification Card was ever required to use it, nor has Security ever received reports where the lack of such documentation prevented an individual from getting to work under emergency conditions.

3. In view of the foregoing it is suggested that you discontinue the issuance of Virginia Civil Defense Identification Cards and that we take the calculated risk that there will be no future requirements for same.

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